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Dear Mary:

Yesterday you notified me that Roger Patterson would be making a presentation to BDAC at its next meeting responsive to the issues I raised at the last BDAC meeting, regarding Bureau of Reclamation deliveries of water to Westlands Water District.

You asked me for a complete set of the correspondence that has been generated on this matter. That correspondence is enclosed for inclusion in the next BDAC meeting information packet. Included are:

- (1) An EDF letter dated 9/12/97 to Mike McGill, Chief of Staff to Sen. Dianne Feinstein;
- (2) An EDF letter dated 9/12/97 to Roger Patterson, Regional Director, USBR;
- (3) An excerpt from the July 1997 *Westlands Irrigator*;
- (4) A Westlands Water District fax transmittal, dated 8/28/97, from Stephen H. Ottemoeller to Barry Nelson;
- (5) A Westlands letter dated 9/12/97 to Michael Madigan, Chair, BDAC;
- (6) An EDF letter dated 9/16/97 to David Orth, General Manager, Westlands Water District;
- (7) A USBR letter dated 9/16/97 to EDF;
- (8) An EDF letter dated 9/19/97 to Brent Walthall, Special Assistant to the Regional Director, USBR; and
- (9) An EDF internal memorandum dated 10/13/97, covering an EDF fax memorandum dated 9/11/97 to Jeff McCracken, Office of Public Affairs, USBR.

As you will see, as of this date, EDF continues to await a full explanation by either USBR or Westlands of the massive amounts of water, far in excess of Westlands' contractual entitlement, that Westlands has received in recent years. EDF also awaits USBR's accounting for the discrepancies which have arisen between USBR and Westlands regarding USBR water deliveries to Westlands.

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Perhaps the next BDAC meeting will be a useful forum for these matters to be clarified. Ideally, however, USBR and Westlands will respond comprehensively, in writing, well in advance of the BDAC meeting, so that the meeting can be used for intelligent dialogue and discussion, rather than as a forum for the extraction of previously difficult-to-obtain public information.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures

cc: Roger Patterson, USBR  
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